

Chapter VI

Improving the working methods and procedures of the Committee within the framework of its mandate

(Item 7)

359. The Committee considered agenda item 7 and reviewed the implementation of the conclusions and recommendations on the matter that it had adopted at its thirty-eighth, thirty-ninth, fortieth and forty-first sessions.

Discussion

360. Appreciation was expressed to the Secretariat for the prompt submission of the proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2004-2005, and it was suggested that the consideration of the budget outline within a single session of the Committee be followed to the extent possible in the future, without prejudice to General Assembly resolution 42/211.

Conclusions and recommendations

361. The Committee reaffirmed the conclusions and recommendations on its working methods and procedures that it had adopted at its thirty-eighth, thirty-ninth, fortieth and forty-first sessions.

362. The Committee reiterated that the terms "takes note of" and "notes" as used in the present report are neutral terms that constitute neither approval nor disapproval, and it welcomed in that regard General Assembly decision 55/488.

363. The Committee reiterated its recommendation that the relevant intergovernmental bodies, as well as the Economic and Social Council and the Main Committees of the General Assembly, include in their programme of work a review of the programmes of the medium-term plan and its revisions that are relevant to their work.

364. The Committee recommended that, when considering the medium-term plan and its revisions, it have at its disposal the observations of the relevant intergovernmental bodies in the areas pertinent to their work, in accordance with regulation 4.9 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation.

365. The Committee emphasized the need for brief and concise oral presentation of reports by the Secretariat.

366. The Committee also emphasized the need for all reports to be presented to it in writing.

367. The Committee reaffirmed that, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council, observers may participate in its deliberations on any matter of particular concern to them. The Committee also reaffirmed the responsibility and privileges of its members concerning the decision-making process and the recommendations that they adopt.

Chapter VII

Provisional agenda for the forty-third session of the Committee

368. The provisional agenda set out below for the forty-third session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination has been prepared on the basis of existing legislative authority and in the light of recommendations adopted by the Committee at its forty-second session:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations.

Documentation

Progress report on the review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations (General Assembly resolution 54/236)

4. Programme questions:
 - (a) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 (in fascicle form)

- (b) Evaluation.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the in-depth evaluation of the subprogramme on the law of the sea and ocean affairs (E/AC.51/2002/L.6/Add.25)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on proposed evaluation themes for consideration by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-third session (E/AC.51/2002/L.6/Add.25)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its fortieth session on the evaluation of global development trends, issues and policies, and global approaches to social and microeconomic issues and policies, and the corresponding subprogrammes in the regional commissions (A/55/16 and Corr.1 and 2)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and

Coordination at its fortieth session on the evaluation of the advancement of women (A/55/16 and Corr.1 and 2)

5. Coordination questions:

- (a) Report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination;

Documentation

Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2002

- (b) New Partnership for Africa's Development.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the future engagement of the United Nations system with the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) (E/AC.51/2002/L.6/Add.31)

- 6. Report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit.
- 7. Improving the working methods and procedures of the Committee for Programme and Coordination within the framework of its mandate.
- 8. Provisional agenda for the forty-fourth session.
- 9. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its forty-third session.

Notes

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6.*

² *Ibid., Twenty-third Special Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/S-23/10/Rev.1), para. 84 (e).*

Annex I**Agenda for the forty-second session of the Committee**

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations.
4. Programme questions:
 - (a) Programme planning;
 - (b) Proposed revisions to the medium-term for the period 2002-2005;
 - (c) Evaluation.
5. Coordination questions:
 - (a) Report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination;
 - (b) United Nations System-wide Special Initiative for the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s.
6. Report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit.
7. Improving the working methods and procedures of the Committee for Programme and Coordination within the framework of its mandate.
8. Provisional agenda for the forty-third session.
9. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its forty-second session.

Annex II

List of documents before the Committee at its forty-second session

A/56/282	Report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Strengthening the investigations function in United Nations system organizations"
A/56/282/Add.1	Comments by the Secretary-General and the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Strengthening the investigations function in United Nations system organizations"
A/57/6 (Prog. 1) and Corr.1	Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 Programme 1. Political affairs
A/57/6 (Prog. 2)	Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 Programme 2. Disarmament
A/57/6 (Prog. 3)	Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 Programme 3. Peacekeeping operations
A/57/6 (Prog. 5)	Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 Programme 5. Legal affairs
A/57/6 (Prog. 7)	Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 Programme 7. Economic and social affairs
A/57/6 (Prog. 8)	Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 Programme 8. Africa: New Agenda for Development
A/57/6 (Prog. 9)	Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 Programme 9. Trade and development
A/57/6 (Prog. 10)	Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 Programme 10. Environment
A/57/6 (Prog. 11)	Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 Programme 11. Human settlements
A/57/6 (Prog. 12)	Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 Programme 12. Crime prevention and criminal justice
A/57/6 (Prog. 13)	Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 Programme 13. International drug control
A/57/6 (Prog. 14)	Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 Programme 14. Economic and social development in Africa
A/57/6 (Prog. 15)	Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 Programme 15. Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific
A/57/6 (Prog. 16)	Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 Programme 16. Economic development in Europe
A/57/6 (Prog. 17)	Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 Programme 17. Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean

A/57/6 (Prog. 18)	Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 Programme 18. Economic and social development in Western Asia
A/57/6 (Prog. 19)	Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 Programme 19. Human rights
A/57/6 (Prog. 24)	Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 Programme 24. Management and central support services
A/57/6 (Prog. 25)	Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 Programme 25. Internal oversight
A/57/6 (Prog. 26)	Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 Programme 26. Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States
A/57/62	Report of the Secretary-General on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2000-2001
A/57/68	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on strengthening the role of evaluation findings in programme design, delivery and policy directives
A/57/85	Report of the Secretary-General on the proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2004-2005
E/2002/55	Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2001
E/AC.51/2002/1	Annotated provisional agenda
E/AC.51/2002/2	Report of the Secretary-General on efficient and effective measures for management improvement
E/AC.51/2002/3	Note by the Secretary-General regarding progress in the preparation of the report of the Secretary-General on different methodologies that might be used to correct the geographical imbalance in hiring consultants
E/AC.51/2002/4	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the in-depth evaluation of the subprogrammes on General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and Economic and Social Council support and coordination
E/AC.51/2002/5	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the in-depth evaluation of legal affairs
E/AC.51/2002/6	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its thirty-ninth session on the in-depth evaluation of the disarmament programme
E/AC.51/2002/7	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its thirty-ninth session on the in-depth evaluation of the electoral assistance programme

E/AC.51/2002/8	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations System-wide Special Initiative on Africa in the context of the final evaluation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s
E/AC.51/2002/L.1/Rev.2	Note by the Secretariat on the status of documentation for the forty-second session
E/AC.51/2002/L.2	Note by the Secretariat on the proposed programme of work for the forty-second session
E/AC.51/2002/L.3	Note by the Secretariat on the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit
E/AC.51/2002/L.4	Note by the Secretariat on the current notional costs of documentation and meeting services; utilization of conference-servicing resources
E/AC.51/2002/L.5	Note by the Secretariat on the draft provisional agenda and documentation for the forty-third session of the Committee
E/AC.51/2002/L.6 and Add.1-3, Add.4/Rev.1, Add.5/Rev.1, Add.6-16, Add.17/Rev.1, Add.18, Add.19/Rev.1, Add.20, Add.21/Rev.1, Add.22-28, Add.29/Rev.1 and Add.30-33	Draft report of the Committee on its forty-second session
E/AC.51/2002/INF/1 and Corr.1	List of delegations

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